

# Extracts of Letter From Pte. Hoad, E.T.C. 43 Coy. C.W.A.C. Canadian Army Overseas

At long last I am describing the 7 day tour I spent in Scotland last September accompanied by a fellow C.W.A.C. Kingussie, is the little village behind Ruthven Castle where we spent the first part. It is situated close to the river Spey at the foot of hills. Nancy and I went for a walk the first morning, and went a way back behind the fire trees and then came down through the trees. It was that morning that I had my first taste of the wet boggy land on the hill side. We were coming home and I saw a golf course and left the beaten track. Where we knew it was were amongst a mass of little puddles and boggy patches and both our feet were wet. As they explained it to us afterwards, it was getting too late in the season for walking in the hills, unless we were suitably shod. Our hotel was just below the clock tower in centre of town.

Then we saw the ruins of Ruthven Castle, built on a raised platform in the middle of a swampy field, about a mile east of Kinrossie across the Spey. It seems to be the stronghold of "Mac Wolf" about the 16th century. Most have been the black sheep of the family as his brother was the Bishop of Elgin.

Then we saw Carr Bridge. It was built by the villagers over 200 years ago to carry the bodies of their dead to the churchyard for burial. Next we saw the ruins of old Inverloch Castle on the outskirts of Fort William. We did not discover the history of this one, but it has a back entrance on the river. Maybe it was for a quick retreat, or perhaps the inmates did a bit of piracy on the side.

Sunday afternoon we saw the little village of Drummondright, which we both liked as it showed details so typical of that part of the country. Every farm had gray labour fences, a monument to the labour of hard working crofters. Then there are the thatched grain stacks with their pointed top knots, and the tiny fields that stretch back into the hills. We had dinner at one of the houses there, and although we wandered in at a moment's notice, we were made a wonderful meal and were made to feel at home just as if we were favoured guests. You have to meet with real Scottish hospitality, to appreciate it. Drummondright is built at the mouth of Glen Urquhart, a little sheltered valley that stretches for three or four miles back, from Loch Ness among the barren hills.

We took the bus from Inverness to Drummondright about 18 miles. After dinner we walked to the road above Castle Urquhart. The road is built on the hillside quite a bit above the Loch, and from there we climbed down to the ruins of Castle Urquhart, situated at a vantage point just at the point on the Loch with a view both ways. In contrast to the usual gray stone of most of the houses and fences, it is dull red native to the shores of the Loch. It was begun in the twelfth century and finished several hundred years later. Part of it has been restored and we climbed up into the tower on the left hand corner. In a room inside, the gateway they have sundry relics that have been collected whilst they were excavating. Some from Iron Age, various bones of stag and

other animals, and even a human skull are side by side with rusty knives, buckles, old stirrups, etc.

Originally the moat circled the Castle from one bank of the Loch to the other, making it virtually an island stronghold. Time has dried up the moat and some trees have grown up there, but you can still see it clearly and visualize how the Castle inmates could pull up the drawbridge or pour oil and pitch down on invaders.

Inverness, modern and ugly.

We also saw a castle belonging to the King of Norway. I took a snap of it from across the river at Inverchattan about 45 miles north of Inverness, and on the line to John O'Grants. Had we had more time we should probably have gone to John O'Grants, but we found 7 days is all too short.

I hope that I have given you some idea of the country, but words fail to do justice to the people and their hospitality. Don't think I shall forget that in a hurry.

Share of all these places accompanied the letter, but unfortunately could not be shown in the paper.

## WHITE ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The closing of the term will be marked by a Sports program to be held on the afternoon of June 22nd.

Efforts of the gardening group are being rewarded by the pretty flower bushes in bloom around the school building.

The two Junior Forest Wardens elected for this season are, Arden Oswald and Gordon Coon. Everyone is proud of their uniforms. Valentina Hugh, Letitia Allen, Barbara Gill and Shirley Peckover, Red Cross Girls held recently in Vancouver, when Princess Alice was present. Mrs. J. Sinclair, our co-ordinator in the Senior branch, accompanied the girls. They enjoyed the meeting very much and brought back full reports about it.

For the school year to date (Sept. to May 23rd) pupils of this school have bought \$725.00 worth of War Savings Stamps.

## Our Town

Buster Walker, who was wounded in Italy, is home.

W. C. Frank has donated four chairs for use in the living rooms of the fire hall.

Lola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lela Culp of Point Roberts, was married on Thursday evening, 31st May.

Harry Bosley, R. C. A. F., who has been here for the past year stationed at Tofino, has been posted to Boundary Bay.

Mrs. Tom Mc Ewan has returned from Vancouver General Hospital where she underwent a serious eye operation.

A regular meeting of the W. A. to the Legion will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6th, in the small Legion room on the Pier.

## Bowling News

While the weather was on the dull side, still it did not dampen the hearty spirit that prevailed at the Semiahmoo greens last Wednesday. Enthusiasm prevailed in all the games, which were keenly contested, the winning skips for the day being, Messrs. Calderbank, Greenwood and Coe.

Mrs. Coe was hostess for the day, being ably assisted by the other ladies, serving tea and refreshments to an appreciative assembly.

It was decided that on Wednesday next, June 7th, a basket picnic would be held, everyone to bring their own eats, the same as arranged on Victoria Day.

Progressive games to start at 2 p.m., supper will be served at 5 p.m., after which games will be proceeded with until dark.

Evening games in future to start at 6:20 p.m.

We were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Lashley Hall with us last Wednesday.

## SILVER WEDDING

A pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Sandstrom at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nicol Thrift road, on the evening of the 25th May, the occasion being their silver wedding anniversary. The evening was spent in playing cards and a midnight supper was served.

The table was beautifully decorated with flowers in the centre, and a lovely wedding cake. Mr. Nicol proposed the toast to the bride and groom of 25 years. Mrs. Sandstrom was presented with a purse of silver.

Chief Yeoman of Signals, T. H. Goldsmith, son of Major and Mrs. T. C. Goldsmith, is among the missing men of H.M.C.S. Athabasca, when she was torpedoed and sunk off Brest at dawn on April 29th. His brother, W. E. was lost on the Marguerite in October 1940.

Keep this date open, July 12th.

Mrs. Aachen spent the week end in New Westminster.

Mr. Thorstensen, senior, was a week end visitor in the city.

Mrs. Nell Chubb returned Monday from a short visit in Vancouver.

Mrs. E. Ambrose has returned from a short visit with her daughter in New Westminster.

Warrant Officer Air Lucking, R.C.A.F., spent two or three days with his parents last week.

Mrs. Air Lucking was called to Vancouver last week on account of the serious illness of her granddaughter.

WANTED—Old clocks, any condition, must be cheap, to give to a pensioner to tinker with. Mrs. Thorne, Buena Vista avenue.

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## Semiahmoo High School Report

Wednesday, May 17th, was inspection day for the Cadets. Army cadet inspection was held in the morning and Air cadet inspection by P.O. G. C. Weeks in the afternoon.

The inter-house track meet took place on Friday afternoon, May 19th. Each of the three houses, the Red, the White and the Blue paraded and then gave its house colours. The Red House received the most points for its original entry of rabbits, cats and goats in wagons fully decorated with the house colour. Blue House members followed by White and Red House earned the greatest number of points for the sports events. Students Council had a hot dog and pop stall where weary competitors lingered for refreshments.

The evening of May 19th was devoted to the last mixer of the school term which took the form of a hard-time dance in the school gym.

On May 20th Semiahmoo voted for its candidate for Queen. Margaret Klopp received more votes than her opponent, Rita Palmer.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

The White Rock branch, No. 11 of the Old Age Pensioners organization will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, at 2 p.m. in the White Rock hotel.

Several important items of business are on the agenda, including election of delegates to the annual convention in Vancouver on June 23rd. The executive hope to see a good attendance of members and friends at the meeting, everybody is given a hearty invitation.

The Municipal bulldozer has been steadily on the job lately.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor,  
Dear Sir:-

I would like to draw the attention of to citizens of White Rock to the outrageous situation existing here. Certain landlords and real estate dealers here are having a field day at the expense of the Service wives, by doubling the rents for the three summer months.

One case is so hard-bolled as to be shameful in a democratic country. A young mother with two children has been notified that if she cannot promise to pay \$40.00 for the next three months for a four room shack with leaking roof, no bathroom or basement, she must not enter. The girl has become ill from work trying to save the necessary money for the increased rent. Her husband has been overseas for four years and is now fighting in Italy. Where is she going to live now?

Furthering protection should be forthcoming and existent in order that cases such as this should not be repeated and local organizations would do well to investigate. Why should the landlords make a killing at the expense of the men fighting overseas?

Merle Downey.

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## Aviation Topic Pictures Shown

Before a gathering of the local Aircraft Detection Corps, A.R.P. and P.C.M.R. on Tuesday evening in the Anglican Parish hall moving pictures were shown of aviation in wartime, the advantages the Axis powers had had, and how it would finally help the Allies to win the war. Major Beverley on the screen was the narrator.

The showing was presented by P.O. Chaston and P.O. Holland, of Western Air Command, Aircraft Detection Corps for the purpose of acquainting the people with the functioning of aircraft detection in this vicinity, of which Mr. W. B. Dargo is the head. L. Col. A. L. Cooke, Regional Director for the Fraser Valley and Island, Officer for P.C.M.R. was present and said a few words in appreciation of the work done here.

## Surrey Council

All members of the Council agreed that a water area in South Westminster adjoining the Fraser, supplying several industries as well as a large number of private houses, should be taken over by the Municipality, and that Surrey go into the water business. This seems the only way to co-ordinate the number of plans and areas needing water services.

A complaint was received from Mrs. H. Askew, of White Rock, that she had suffered loss from mischievous children trespassing on her property adjoining C street. Also asking that the steps leading down C to Washington avenue be built. This will be attended to in due time.

The White Rock Board of Trade asked for numbering of houses; and stating that two parties had volunteered to undertake the work. The Clerk was authorized to inform these parties to contact the Municipal office.

A petition, asking that Lee street be opened up was received; and the people were informed that this work is already under way according to season's plan.

Damages for road through the Hope property was definitely fixed at \$8,000 by Mr. Hope with additional costs to A. Allen for his services.

The Clerk was authorized to set aside \$2,000 in the bank as the amount of damages to Mr. Hope. This amount being thought by the Council as sufficient to cover said Mr. Hope's loss. A Court of Arbitration will no doubt have to be set up to settle the matter. In the meantime, the engineer will contact Mr. Allen to see just what part of the Council machinery may be able to help settle his trouble.

Mr. J. E. McEldred died Thursday morning in Shaughnessy Military hospital where he had been for treatment. Funeral services will be held on Monday from the Central Park Funeral Parlours and interment in the Soldiers' Plot in Forest Lawn.



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## AT OTTAWA

by

TOM REID, M. P.

The Prime Minister received one of the warmest welcomes ever given on his return to the House following his attendance at the Prime Ministers' Conference in London. Members of all Parties voiced their pleasure, and it was a touching scene when all Members in the House rose and cheered him as he took his seat in the Commons.

A very important Order-in-Council was passed under the Defence of Canada Regulations, and one that should be of great interest to the people on the Pacific Coast. The Order-in-Council makes it a serious offence for anyone to buy land or property on behalf of any Japanese and likewise makes it an offence for anyone to hold lands for any of Japanese race or origin. This Order-in-Council is directed against any move on the part of the Japanese to secretly buy land or property.

It is not generally known that Empire Day is the 23rd of May, and precedes by one day, that of Victoria Day, which follows on the 24th.

A recent Order in regards to those in the Services travelling was passed last week. The new

Order sets a ceiling of \$15, on the total fare, which those in the Forces may be called upon to pay in travelling to their homes if they are on Annual Leave or visiting their home town previous to leaving for Overseas. The new Order will be a great boon to those from British Columbia, who are scattered throughout the various centres of Canada as far away as Halifax or Prince Edward Island.

The weather has warmed up considerably and in keeping with the Saskatchewan Election, to which province many Members of the House have gone to take part in the Provincial Election there.

The better part of two days was taken up in the House discussing the Tar Sands of Alberta and the Canol oil project, the one in which the House is greatly interested in. Since investigations started on Tar Sands over twenty years ago nearly one million dollars have been expended in research and investigation work. Government plans to know definitely this year whether the Tar Sands are a practical proposition for oil. In the Canol project the Imperial Oil intend to spend 100 million dollars in the project and will construct a pipe line, which will cost at least \$60 million. There is a time limit under the regulations attached to their

agreement, and which agreement preserve the rights of the Government on behalf of the Canadian people.

## Theatre News

The week starts off with Above Suspicion, starring Joan Crawford and Fred MacMurray, about to depart for a honeymoon in Germany. This absent minded professor had to remind the Gestapo that two's company on a honeymoon. It will take more than a Gestapo potentate to check them and the only thing the Gestapo could suspect about this dowsy eyed bird, was that her troupeau came from Paris. Certainly not that this newly wed couple were commissioned by the British Foreign office to locate one of its missing agents.

Also showing The Good Fellows. Wives! Here it is—what goes on in the Lodge rooms. Find out how the noblest of them all gets that way, watch for the secret grip. A laugh loaded comedy, especially interesting to wives. "Love—Eternal Love", Starring Helen Walker, James Brown and Mabel Paige.

Princess O'Rourke concludes the week. A closely guarded princess in exile goes adventuring, meets and falls in love with a typical American flier. Keep your eyes and ears open or you will miss half the laughs and complications which confront their being married and how they were finally solved. With Olivia de Havilland, Robert Cummings, Charles Coburn and Jane Wyman.

Also showing That Natzy Nuisance. Get ready for roars. The comedy black-jammer that will bust your buttons. They're going to drop Hitler on Berlin, its a Gosh-a-bugher as the Yanks attack the Axis from the rear. With Bobby Watson, Joe Devlin, Johnny Arthur and Jean Porter.

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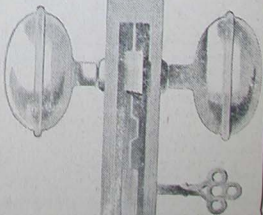
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panicky people were buying  
things they didn't need, and  
hoarding everything they could get  
their hands on . . .



I dreamed that everybody had  
to fight to get more money . . . and  
that in this mad race, wages and  
salaries were falling behind.



I dreamed the hand of everyone  
was against his neighbour, with  
each of us blaming the other fel-  
low for his troubles.



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